

Docket No.: SPIRTN.016C1

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Snyder, et al.  
 Appl. No. : ~~10/886,174~~ 10/665,174  
 Filed : September 17, 2003  
 Title : CONSTRUCTION DEVICE  
 INCLUDING REINFORCED  
 SUTURE HOLES  
 Examiner : Michael G. Mendoza  
 Group Art Unit : 3731

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(X) Response to Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, in 3 pages.

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The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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 or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.